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RE: Raised S.B. 113 (An Act Concerning Access to Original Birth Certificates by Adult Adopted Persons)

Dear Committee Members:

Connecticut Alliance of Foster & Adoptive Families, Inc. ("CAFAF") supports Raised Bill S.B. 113 and asks that each committee member vote to enact it.

CAFAF supports foster and adoptive families statewide through contract and direct funding from Department of Children and Families (DCF). We support the equity of rights for all adopted adults in accessing their original birth certificates should they so choose.

We do not believe that the numbers of petitioners would be an overwhelming financial constraint.

We urge your support and vote to bring equity with other adoptees.

I am very happy to answer questions or to provide additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Doherty
Executive Director